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SUBJECT: SOVIET PLANS TO FISH FOR SAURY OF NEW ENGLAND COAST

1. SCIOFF MET WITH V. G. LIPANOV, DIRECTOR OF MINFISH DEPARTMENT FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AT LATTER'S REQUEST ON JULY 23. LIPANOV SAID THAT MINFISH PLANS TO SEND UP TO FIFTY FISHING VESSELS TO SUB-AREA FIVE OFF THE NEW ENGLAND COAST FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER TO FISH FOR SAURY.

2. LIPANOV SAID THAT THE SOVIET SHIPS WOULD NOT TRAWL AND WOULD ONLY USE SPECIAL TRAPS (BORTAVIYE LOVUSHKI) DOWN TO A DEPTH OF 20 METERS. THIS EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH LOBSTER BEDS ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, LIPANOV STRESSED, AND HE WANTED USG TO BE AWARE OF THIS IN ORDER THAT IT COULD SO ADVISE US LOBSTERMEN.

3. LIPANOV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT WISH TO ENCOUNTER A US PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEIR FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF THE US COAST AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS SOMEHOW COULD BE FORESTALLED BY INFORMING THE USG OF SOVIET INTENTIONS IN ADVANCE.

4. SCIOFF ADDED THAT EMBASSY WOULD TRANSMIT LIPANOV'S INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON AND ASKED LIPANOV TO SEND EMBASSY A SHORT
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NOTE ON HIS REQUEST. LIPANOV AGREED TO SEND NOTE, BUT EMBASSY

HAS NOT RECEIVED IT TO DATE.

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